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ABSTRACT

Designed as a supplement to traditional writing texts, this workbook contains activities that allow students to form grammatically sophisticated sentences without having to study formal grammar. The 68 lessons in the workbook progress from relatively simple to complex, with each stressing a particular way of combining sentences. The various exercises demonstrate how to create more detailed sentences by adding (1) single and multiple adjectives; (2) adjectival prepositional phrases; (3) adverbs; (4) adverbial prepositional phrases; (5) noun, adverb, and adjective clauses; (6) participial, gerund, and infinitive phrases; (7) appositives; and (8) single word, phrase, and clause series. The workbook also contains a semester review and a comprehensive review of the exercises. (FL)

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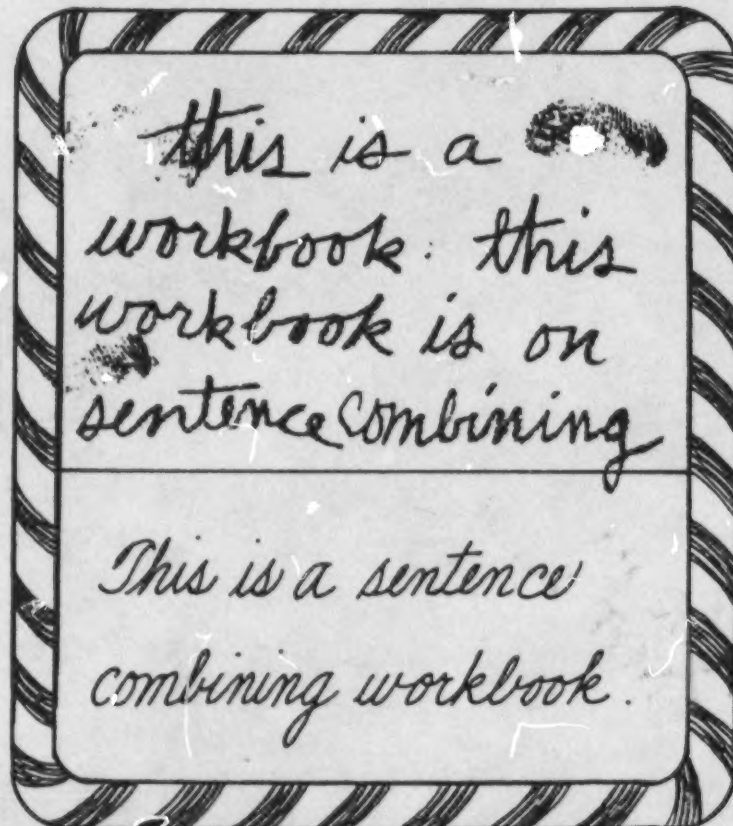
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SENTENCE COMBINING WORKBOOK

A TITLE I PROJECT

DEVELOPED

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TO THE TEACHER:

This workbook is designed as a supplement to current writing texts. Like any sentence combining activities, it allows students to form grammatically sophisticated sentences without having to study formal grammar. Contemporary research tells us that formal grammar is not much help in improving writing skills. Sentence combining, however, appears to help improve them.

The format of this workbook is adapted from one designed by William Lomax of Los Angeles Unified Schools. Each section stresses a particular way of combining sentences to create more detailed ones. Each odd-numbered section includes signal(s) to help the student generate the new, revised sentence. Each even-numbered section is without signals.

SIGNALS

Only four basic signals are used here.

1. Underlined words. Add this word or phrase to the first, base sentence.

I have a dog.

The dog is brown.

I have a brown dog.

2. (,) (, and). Insert this before the next word or phrase.

I have a dog.

The dog is brown.

It is furry. (,)

I have a brown, furry dog.

3. SOMETHING. Delete this from the revised sentence.

SOMETHING is a dog's best defense.

It is barking.

Barking is a dog's best defense.

4. (WHO) (WHEN) (THAT). Include this in the revised sentence.
~~X~~. Delete this from the revised sentence.

~~Tina~~ is my sister.

~~Tina~~ is fifteen. (WHO)

Tina, who is fifteen, is my sister.

ORGANIZATION

The sections of the workbook progress generally from simple to complex. Adding single adjective modifiers is simpler than adding noun clauses by subordination. This is not to say that you need follow the workbook slavishly. Use the parts that you think will help your students; use them when they fit.

SUGGESTIONS

Do duplicate each section separately rather than as a bound book. With remedial students, a book with 75 pages of exercises is a threat. A single page with 5-8 sets of sentences is less so.

Do not hand these out as homework. At least for remedial classes, students need help as they work through the exercises. For sentences combining to be effective, the students need oral feedback, whether it comes from you, from their peers, or from themselves.

Do correct the revised sentences in class, out loud. This allows students to discuss variants in writing (of which, more later).

Do prepare an introduction to each group of sections. That does not mean lengthy discussions of the grammatical rule involved. The most effective means is merely to write one additional example, present it (preferably by transparency), and work it out with the class. Your example should include any signals used in the set.

Don't consider this workbook foolproof. It is in its most fragile state -- untested. It needs revision. I would appreciate comments from you after you've used it.

Do use this as more than drill. As a quick test, require the class to write one or more sentence of their own to demonstrate the process involved. Allow students to use their revised sentences as beginnings of paragraphs or stories.

VARIANTS

Sentence combining, in my view, is not a rigid structure. Therefore, I deliberately have not written an answer key. At many points in the workbook, a set of answers may generate several variants. Unless the variant is grammatically unsound, the student is correct. For example, a student may begin with these sentences:

Mary has a dog.
The dog is brown.
The dog is furry.

When combining these, the student may arrive at

Mary has a brown, furry dog.

or

Mary has a furry, brown dog.

Obviously, both are grammatically correct. Usage allows for both. Therefore, both sentences are acceptable.

To deal with variants like this, discuss them openly. Encourage students to present their revised sentences, either orally or on the chalk board. When a variant seems odd or incorrect to you, poll the class. If the class accepts a clearly ungrammatical variant, then explain the grammatical rule they are breaking. But be certain the rule you cite

is a grammatical one, not one of style.

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SENTENCE COMBINING FORMAT

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	21-22	Adverbial Prepositional Phrases
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Sentence Combining #1A

Single Adjectives

1. George has a Ford.

The Ford is blue.

2. Mr. Edwards walked with a cane.

The cane was aluminum.

3. The dancer walked with her boyfriend.

The dancer was tall.

Her boyfriend was shorter.

4. A pole vaulter won a medal in the Olympics.

The pole vaulter was Polish.

The medal was gold.

The Olympics were in Moscow.

5. The trees bent in the wind.

The trees were slender.

The wind was cruel.

6. All during the day, the cowboys searched for the cattle.

The day was sweltering.

The cowboys were lonely.

The cattle were lost.

7. Henry Peterson, his hair sticking up in fright, screamed at the bat.

Henry was tall.

His hair was blond.

The bat was black.

Sentence Combining #2A

Single adjective

1. My Chevy is in the shop.

It is a '56.

2. The king snake swallowed the mouse.

The snake was hungry.

3. Maria likes Carlos.

Maria is friendly.

Carlos is handsome.

4. The crowd threw bottles at the police.

The crowd was angry.

The bottles were empty.

5. John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd play Jake and Elwood Blues.

John Belushi is goofy.

Dan Aykroyd is clumsy.

6. All during the summer, I eat salads for dinner.

The summer is hot.

The salads are green.

7. The juice of the melon trickled down his mouth.

The juice was sweet.

The melon was fresh.

His face was gritty.

Sentence Combining #3A

Multiple adjectives

1. The dancer kicked over his head.

He was slim.

He was tall. (,)

2. Robert threw his brother a look.

The look was mean.

It was angry. (,)

3. The pickup sounded fast.

It was red.

It was a Ford.

4. The limo purred at the curb.

It was long.

It was sleek. (,)

It was silver. (,)

5. Robert's brother returned the look with a stare.

He was short.

He was stooky. (,)

The stare was calm.

The stare was cold. (,)

6. My jacket shows cuts.

It is black.

It is made of leather.

There are many cuts.

They are deep.

1. I named the kitten Satan.
The kitten was black.
It was furry.

2. The horse hobbled slowly away.
It was old.
It was tired.

3. The teacher sat behind a desk correcting a stack of papers.
The desk was worn.
The desk was wooden.
The stack was thick.
The papers were old.

4. During the night, John read a murder mystery.
The night was long.
The night was humid.
The mystery was scary.

5. He wore chains around his neck.
The chains were thin.
They were gold.
There were four of them.
His neck was fat.

6. When a rainstorm struck, we ran for cover under a tree.
The rainstorm was unexpected.
The tree was tall.
The tree was bushy.
It was a pine.

1. Don't bother me with your rules and your regulations.

The rules are dumb.

The regulations are stupid.

2. The frogs ate flies.

There were five frogs.

The flies were green.

3. Martha likes Alfred for his hair and his eyes.

His hair is long.

It is brown.

His eyes are flashing.

His eyes are dark.

4. The tree swayed in the wind.

The tree was tall.

The tree was a palm.

The wind was powerful.

5. As a present, my uncle gave me a wristwatch.

The present was for Christmas.

The watch used quartz.

The watch was a digital.

6. After lunch, we hurried to see our teacher.

The lunch was quick.

Our teacher is our favorite.

He teaches English.

7. Arthur is a person in the class.

He is the biggest.

He is friendliest. (.)

He is the strongest. (.)

1. I hate liver and turnips.

The liver is fried.

The turnips are boiled.

2. My brother has dogs, cats, cows, pigs, hens, and a rooster.

There are four dogs.

There are three cats.

There are five cows.

There are nine pigs.

There are eighteen hens.

There is one rooster.

The rooster is tired.

3. My Trans Am has a sound system with a deck and a receiver.

The Trans Am is red.

It is a '78.

The sound system is quadrophonic.

The deck uses Dolby.

It is stereo.

The receiver puts out 30 watts.

4. Susan has a personality.

It is sweet.

It is tender.

It is lovable.

5. We saw the string of cars with their headlights on.

The string was long.

It was slow.

The headlights were bright.

They were glaring.

1. I saw a picture.

It was of my mother.

It was in an old scrapbook.

2. The car belongs to my cousin.

It is across the street.

3. My house looked like another one.

The house is in Bakersfield.

Another one was in a magazine.

4. The man is the clown.

He is the man with the funny hat.

He is the clown in the circus.

5. The driver had a hat.

The driver was in the car.

The car was next to me.

The hat was on her head.

6. We stood under the palm to avoid the heat.

The palm was next to the house.

The heat was of the afternoon.

7. Carl is a friend.

He is in my English class.

1. I picked up a book.

The book was on the table.

2. The cat would not leave.

The cat was under the bed.

The bed was in the guest room.

3. Get me the screwdriver.

The screwdriver is in the tool box.

The tool box is on the shelf.

The shelf is in the garage.

4. I like the shape.

The shape is of the table.

The table is on the left.

5. The pattern calls for a yard.

The pattern is for the shirt.

The yard is of printed cotton.

6. My cousin Raul is the tallest.

Raul is from Fresno.

He is the tallest in our family.

7. I called a friend for a game.

He is a friend from school.

It is a game of pool.

Sentence combining #9A

Adjective modifiers, single

1. My friends and I go to the park.

It is up the hill.

2. We had the rabbit for dinner.

The rabbit was white.

It was in the hutch.

3. The Datsun peeled out.

It was red.

It was in the parking lot.

4. Whoever thinks about people?

The people are old.

They are in retirement homes.

5. My dogs sleep in the doghouse.

There are six dogs.

The doghouse is in the back yard.

6. The squirrel had a supply of nuts.

The squirrel is grey.

The supply was good.

The nuts are for the winter.

7. People wondered about the girl.

There were many people.

The people were in the neighborhood.

The girl was little.

She was in the truck.

The truck was old.

1. We checked out the Camaro.

The Camaro was orange.

It was near the football field.

2. My friend Robert and I took lessons from the coach.

They were boxing lessons.

The coach is at the Boys' Club.

3. The branches sagged in the heat.

The branches were drooping.

The branches were of the oak tree.

The heat was of July.

4. I picked bushels of okra.

There were six bushels.

The field was across the road.

5. The witness was a friend.

The witness was the first.

The witness was a longtime friend.

The witness was a friend of mine.

6. The concert was interrupted by the appearance.

It was a rock concert.

The appearance was of policemen.

There were seventy of them.

1. Mary opened the door.

Mary is short.

She is blond.

It was the door of her car.

2. The dog bit the man.

It was small.

It was black.

It was shaggy.

He was the man with the overcoat.

The overcoat was brown.

3. My friend Alex and I saw an accident.

The accident was ugly.

It was at the corner.

The corner was up the street.

4. Tell the man to park his car.

The car is old.

The car is beat-up.

It is at the end.

It is the end of the row.

5. My dish is corn.

The dish is my favorite.

The corn is fresh.

It is hot.

The corn is on the cob.

It is served with butter.

1. I have ducks.

There are six of them.

They are white.

They are in a pen.

2. Ramona and Maria went to a disco.

It was new.

It was hot.

It was on California Avenue.

It was near a theatre.

3. Tina started a conversation with the man.

Tina is friendly.

She is young.

The man is the one with glasses.

The glasses are over his forehead.

4. The man counted his money.

He is heavy-set.

He is angry.

He is in the checkout line.

His money is hard-earned.

5. The fight ended when the supervisors broke it up.

The fight was down the walkway from here.

It was between Robert and Freddie.

There are two supervisors.

They are tough.

1. The teacher gave us a test.
He is mean.
He is old.
He teaches English.
He is behind the desk.

2. The cop is writing a ticket.
The cop is in the car.
It is a patrol car.
The ticket is over traffic laws.

3. The overalls belong to Robert.
They are dirty.
They are under the hood.
It is the hood of the Mustang.
The Mustang is a '72.

4. I see horses.
There are seven horses.
They are white.
They are Arabian.
They are in the corral.
The corral is behind the barn.

5. The night chilled the cowboy.
The night was wintry.
The cowboy was young.
He was on horseback.
He was in the mountain.

1. I bought pencils and a folder in the student store.
There were six pencils.
The folder was brown.
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2. My friend Donna and I like going to the Theatre.
It is the Stockdale Six Theatre.
It is near West High.
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3. The rink just opened.
It is a roller skating rink.
It is by Valley Plaza.
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4. Lisa sewed blouses.
She is from my class.
The class is Home Ec .
There were six blouses.
They are cotton.
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5. I can't find the number.
The number is in the book.
It is a phone book.
The number is for the pizza place.
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6. The driver won the race.
He is young.
He is unknown.
He is from Tulare.
He won a stock car race.
It was a two-barrel race.
The race was at Mesa Marin.

1. I saw Mary.

I saw her yesterday.

2. Tom worked on his model airplane.

He worked carefully.

3. Louis and I saw the trouble.

We barely saw it.

4. Maria and Laura eat lunch.

They eat together.

They do it every day.

5. My friend Lucy and I walked to school.

We walked hurriedly.

We walked last Monday.

6. When I saw the fire, I called the fire department.

I saw it this morning.

I called quickly.

7. The teacher dictated the lesson so everyone would understand it.

He dictated slowly.

He dictated clearly.

Everyone would understand it easily.

1. The whole team listened in the huddle.

The team listened anxiously.

2. The dancer leaped.

He leaped high.

3. Tom walked.

He walked slowly.

He walked away.

He walked hurt.

4. The car sputtered and died.

It sputtered loudly.

It then died.

5. I'm going to Los Angeles to visit my cousin.

I'm going tomorrow.

I'm going to visit her all week.

6. The rock band played, but I left to take my sister.

The band played fantastically.

I left early.

I took my sister home.

7. I eat dinner.

I often eat it.

I eat dinner late.

1. The second half went by quickly.
It went by very quickly.

2. Our team played aggressively.
They played more aggressively than the opposition.

3. Few people understand me.
Very few do.

4. KISS plays well for my taste.
KISS plays pretty well.

5. Jim spoke honestly about the fight.
He spoke quite honestly.

6. Richard Pryor was burned last May, but he left the hospital quickly.
He was critically burned.
He left the hospital rather quickly.

7. The turnout at the football games has been high this year because of our long winning streak.
The turnout has been extremely high.
Our winning streak has been unexpectedly long.

1. That pizza was expensive.
It was too expensive.

2. Trisha and Mike haven't been going together long.
They haven't been going together very long.

3. I don't have to run hard to feel tired.
I don't have to run too hard.

4. Our teachers are trained to help students write easily.
The teachers are specially trained.
The students write more easily.

5. Now we work better than the other team.
We work even better.

6. I thought Airplane was funny, but Lori and Amy thought
it was dumb.
I thought it was really funny.
They thought it was pretty dumb.

7. It's hard to think up clever sentences.
It's extremely hard.
The sentences are truly clever.

1. I saw a weird person.

I saw him yesterday.

He was very wierd.

He was here.

2. Martha runs.

She always runs.

She runs fast.

She does it too fast.

3. Nobody wants to work.

Nobody ever wants to.

Nobody wants to work hard.

Nobody wants to work too hard.

Nobody wants to work here.

4. Rick and Ted have lunch.

They have it together.

They often have lunch.

5. The football team played an odd defense.

They often played it.

It was extremely odd.

They played it this season.

6. I was attracted to the shaped stone.

I was strangely attracted.

It was oddly shaped.

7. Many people like disco, but few cared for it.

Many like it now.

Few cared for it then.

1. I'm going to quit smoking.
I'm going to do it tomorrow.

2. My science teacher asks hard questions.
He often asks them.
They are very hard.

3. The decorated room looked better.
It was beautifully decorated.
It never looked better.

4. Giraffes have long necks.
They always have them.
Their necks are really long.

5. I started a long novel for class.
Yesterday I started it.
It was boringly long.

6. I got to drive a new Datsun 280-ZX.
I got to last weekend.
It was brand new.

7. Few people know why I left school.
Very few people know.
I left early .
I left yesterday.

1. Tom walked.
He walked into a wall.

2. Rick Peters of the Detroit Tigers grounded a single.
He grounded it to center field.

3. Football seems silly .
It seems that way in the heat of August.

4. Cowboys sometimes carry guns.
They carry them for protection.
They carry them on the range.

5. Football coach Don Coryell was carried.
He was carried into the Green Bay Packers locker room.
He was carried in after a preseason game.

6. My sister-in-law came over.
She came over in the afternoon.
She came over between four and five.

7. Manuel worked.
He worked as a packer.
He worked at the sheds.
He worked in July and August.

8. Angel pitcher Don Baylor played.
He played in Cleveland.
He played against the Indians.

1. Rick and Billy played linebackers.
They played for Foothill.

2. Tom and Henry acted stupid.
They acted stupid in the park.
They acted stupid by the pool.

3. Jon looked.
He looked at the clock.
He looked for the time.

4. I thought I knew Robert.
For a while, I thought I knew him.
I thought I knew him inside and out.

5. My friend Angie sings.
She sings with a band.
She sings on the weekends.

6. The park ranger walked.
He walked out of the clearing.
He walked into the forest.
He walked on his way to the station.

7. John Travolta danced.
In "Urban Cowboy" he danced.
He danced to country songs.
He danced in a huge bar called Gilley's.

8. Kenny Stabler plays.
He plays as a quarterback.
He plays for the Houston Oilers.
He plays during the season.

1. Tim and Ron worked.

They worked hard.

They worked on their project.

2. We looked.

We did it carefully.

We looked under the bed.

We looked for the rattlesnake.

3. We drove.

After the dance, we drove.

We drove to Hart Park.

We drove there for a party.

4. My friends and I cruise Chester.

On Friday nights we do that.

We often cruise Chester.

We do that in Robert's pickup.

5. All six of us walked.

We walked slowly.

We walked together.

We walked down the hall.

We walked to the pay phone.

6. Maryann jumped.

She jumped high.

She jumped in the air.

She jumped from the gym trampoline.

1. My best friends meet me.
Often they meet me.
They meet me after school.

2. The orange and green paint job looks awful.
It simply looks awful.
It looks awful in the sunlight.

3. I get up.
In the morning I do that.
I rarely do that.
I get up with a smile.

4. Henry and Susie go disco dancing.
They do that every Saturday.
They dance until 1 AM.

5. I punched my brother.
I accidentally punched him.
I quite accidentally did it.
I punched him in the mouth.
I punched him with my fist.
I did that behind the garage.

6. My friend Roberta and I talk.
We often talk.
We talk on the phone.
We talk for hours.
We do that after dinner.

1. Often my parents call me stubborn.

Very often they do that.

They call me quite stubborn.

2. Mary is friendly in her way.

She is delightfully friendly.

3. It's sad to see David and Matt fighting.

It's really sad.

4. Randy was helpful yesterday.

He was particularly helpful.

5. We had high ticket sales at the homecoming dance.

The sales were surprisingly high.

6. My eight year old brother was nice this morning.

He was unusually nice.

7. Everything looked delicious.

It looked delicious at the cafeteria.

1. Whoever stole the chocolate cream pie was rude.
He was definitely rude.

2. The basketball team was fast and together.
It was fantastically fast.
It was incredibly together.

3. Ramona was cheerful and helpful.
She was typically cheerful.
She was quite helpful.

4. A dictionary can be useful, but sometimes it's hard to use.
It can be particularly useful.
Sometimes it's really hard.

5. Last July was hot for a short time.
It was unbearably hot.
It was hot for a very short time.

6. Often the teacher's lectures get long.
Very often they get long.
The lectures get boringly long.

1. The bitter wind nipped.
The wind nipped cruelly.
It nipped at Tom's face.
It nipped from the side.

2. Francine walked.
She walked slowly.
She walked very slowly.
She walked in the August heat.

3. The '73 Dodge pickup turned over.
It turned over suddenly.
It turned over on a sharp curve.
The curve was terribly sharp.
The pickup turned over up the canyon.

4. Is it necessary to buy Christmas cards ?
Is it really necessary?
Is it necessary in August ?

5. We sat and sang songs.
After the dinner, we sat and sang songs.
We sat around the fire.
We sang songs all night.
We sang until morning.

6. My homeboys drive me home.
Often they drive me.
They do it very often.
They drive me home after school.

1. Nobody wants to spend much time.
It might be too much time.
Nobody wants to spend it on homework.

2. The green Toyot passed me.
It passed me on a hill.
It did that at 50 mph.

3. Naurice and Oscar eat lunch.
They never eat lunch.
They never eat in the cafeteria.
They never eat there these days.

4. Marie arrived.
On Thursday, Marie arrived.
She arrived unexpectedly.
She arrived at school.
She arrived before 7:30.

5. The fisherman unhooked the brown trout and returned it.
He carefully unhooked the trout.
He returned it to the stream.
He returned it near the flat rock.

6. My Chevy Luv was crushed.
It was totally crushed.
It was crushed by the eucalyptus.
It was crushed during the windstorm.

1. My friend Ken and I went water skiing.

On Saturday, we went skiing.

We went skiing on Lake Ming.

2. My Adidas are worn.

They are blue.

They are very worn.

They are worn in spots.

3. I never eat much.

With fish, I never do.

The fish is on the table.

I never eat very much.

4. The tractors strained .

There were three tractors.

The tractors were powerful.

They strained mightily.

They strained against the boulder.

The boulder was huge.

5. The cockroaches scurry.

The cockroaches are creepy.

They scurry across the floor.

They scurry to a spot.

The spot is under the sink.

It is a kitchen sink.

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Sentence combining #29A (cont'd)

6. A spider spins a web.

In the garage, a spider spins.

The garage is dusty.

The spider is a black widow.

The spider spins patiently.

The web is painful.

7. If everybody stays, we'll run out.

If everybody stays in the party, we'll run out.

Everybody stays long.

Everybody is too long.

We'll run out of food.

We'll run out by 11:00.

We'll run out tonight.

8. I like to lie down and soak.

After a swim, I like to do that.

The swim is quick.

I like to lie down in the tub.

The tub is hot.

I like to soak for minutes.

There are twenty minutes.

9. My cat walks .

The cat is grey.

The cat is neutered.

The cat is male.

The cat often walks.

The cat walks over my face.

The cat walks during the night.

1. I watch "Captain Kangaroo."
In the morning, I watch it.
The morning is early.
I sometimes watch it.
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2. Jackrabbits jumped.
There were seven
They were brown.
They jumped into a field.
It was a field of carrots.
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3. Some work .
They are some of my friends.
They work at Macdonalds.
Macdonalds is on Niles.
They work after school.
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4. The fly buzzed.
The fly was fat.
It was black.
It buzzed loudly.
It buzzed in a corner.
It was the corner of the window.
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5. The car prowls.
At night, it prowls.
It is a patrol car.
It prowls silently.
It prowls in and out of alleys and streets.
The streets are short.
They are narrow.
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Sentence combining #30A (cont'd)

6. When did the team start wearing hats?

It was the drill team.

The hats are white.

They are riders' hats.

They are with trim.

The trim is black.

7. I'm going to see my nephew.

Next Tuesday I'm going.

I'm going to East LA.

My nephew is 2 weeks old.

He is my new nephew.

8. The bullfrogs croaked.

In the evening, they croaked.

The evening was still.

They croaked loudly.

They did it very loudly.

They croaked from the lake.

The lake was nearby.

9. Who can forget the trip?

Who can ever forget it?

The trip was wonderful.

The trip was down the Colorado River.

It was by raft.

The raft was rubber.

The trip was last summer.

1. Norma thinks SOMETHING.
Alex took out Maria. (THAT)
2. SOMETHING was obvious.
The teacher didn't explain the assignment. (IT...THAT)
3. I wonder SOMETHING.
We are going. (WHERE)
4. Most people feel SOMETHING.
Baseball is more interesting than politics. (THAT)
5. Singing and dancing are SOMETHING.
SOMETHING ~~is~~ what she does best.
6. SOMETHING is SOMETHING.
I know for sure. (WHAT)
Driving a race car is dangerous. (THAT)
7. I don't know SOMETHING.
I love you like I do. (WHY)
8. Tell me SOMETHING.
You know about quarter horses. (WHAT)
9. SOMETHING seems.
Rod stole the money. (IT...THAT)
10. SOMETHING was not SOMETHING.
I saw SOMETHING. (WHAT)
I expected SOMETHING. (WHAT)

1. Marty saw SOMETHING.
Someone cared about him.

2. I wonder SOMETHING.
Roxanne goes out with Tony.

3. The principal announced SOMETHING.
The campus is closed at lunch time.

4. SOMEONE is no friend of mine.
Somebody put shaving cream in my sox.

5. I wish SOMETHING.
Everybody was at peace.

6. Tell me SOMETHING.
You bought that outfit.

7. I wish SOMETHING.
I knew SOMETHING.
I could get rich quick.

8. When I saw SOMETHING, I knew SOMETHING.
The train was coming.
We might get killed.

9. SOMETHING seemed clear to me.
Only one team could win.

1. I like it.

Our football team wins. (WHEN)

2. I walk the other way.

I see a black cat. (WHENEVER)

3. I'll eat the mashed turnips.

I don't like it. (ALTHOUGH)

4. You're grounded for the next two weeks.

You're three hours late. (BECAUSE)

5. I'll go, too.

Everybody else goes to the dance. (IF)

6. I'll take Anna.

Donkeys fly. (WHEN)

7. Joe swims better.

I can. (THAN)

8. We went to Bob's Big Boy.

The movie got out. (WHEN)

Everybody eats and meets. (WHERE)

9. I tip-toed into the house.

I was afraid to wake everybody up. (BECAUSE)

1. The Dodgers will win today.
Steve Garvey pitches.

2. I'll do my homework.
I watch the football game.

3. I knew I was in trouble.
Mr. Jones saw the broken window.

4. I'll have to take English.
It's required to graduate.

5. I don't like writing.
I'm getting better at it.

6. Be sure to say hello for me.
You write to Clara.

7. I'll go with Mary Ann.
She goes to Los Angeles.

8. I'll go out with your cousin.
I have to.

9. I want to know all the facts.
I decide.

1. I saw the teacher.

~~He~~ drives the blue Toyota. (WHO)

2. Mike lives in Lamont.

~~He~~ looks like my brother. (WHO)

3. Everybody needs \$10.

~~Everybody~~ wants to go to Magic Mountain. (WHO)

4. The car is a Porsche 924.

I really want to drive ~~the car~~. (THAT)

5. The place isn't even on the map.

I grew up in ~~the place~~. (THAT)

6. At my tenth reunion, all the people looked old.

I remembered ~~all the people~~. (WHOM)

7. All of us felt excited.

~~We~~ worked on the dance. (WHO)

8. The weather report made me wish for winter.

~~The weather report~~ called for 99°. (WHICH)

~~Winter~~ is cooler. (WHICH)

9. Peter just bought a car.

~~Peter~~ is only sixteen. (WHO)

~~The car~~ cost \$9600. (THAT)

1. Maria has a dog.
The dog never barks. (THAT)

2. The class is third period.
It always puts me to sleep. (THAT)

3. Tony is 6'3".
I met him only last week. (WHOM)

4. One record is "Emotional Rescue".
It gets to me.

5. I have one cat and another.
One sleeps all day.
Another eats only fish.

6. Everybody will get a free sweatshirt.
Everybody goes out for track.
The sweatshirt says "Win" on it.

7. Amy went out with Arthur.
I never liked Amy.
Arthur promised to go out with me.

8. Do people waste time?
People play cards.

9. The tall man shot David.
The tall man robbed the 7-11.
David was just standing around.

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1. I can't tell you SOMETHING.
I'm going. (WHERE)
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2. Stella was talking to me.
Tina started a fight. (WHEN)
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3. Six juniors ganged up on the three freshmen.
~~The juniors~~ all weighed over 175. (WHO)
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4. Sometimes I wonder SOMETHING.
I even get up. (WHY)
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5. I want to go to Circus Circus.
I get to go to Las Vegas. (IF)
They have fun things to do. (BECAUSE)
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6. The neighbors told me SOMETHING.
~~The neighbors~~ raise German shepherds. (WHO)
Their new pups cost \$175. (THAT)
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7. Monica told me SOMETHING.
I saw her. (WHEN)
She was engaged to Mike. (THAT)
~~He~~ drives a Mustang. (WHO)
~~It~~ burns oil. (THAT)
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8. We'll have over fifty in the house at once.
Everybody comes to the party. (IF)
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1. I'm taking out Emily.
She goes to our church. (WHO)

2. I want to go to swimming.
It stays hot. (IF)

3. My dog wouldn't let the mail man in the yard.
He came this morning.

4. I learned SOMETHING.
Money doesn't grow on trees.

5. Nobody is my age.
Nobody lives near me.

6. Tell Robert SOMETHING.
You see him.
I'm out of town.

7. All the people were ready for Christmas.
I saw them today.
Christmas comes next week .

8. I can't go to Magic Mountain.
I don't have any money.
You lend me some.

1. Henry ran down the street.
I took out after him. (AND)

2. I love pepperoni pizza.
Alice won't touch it. (BUT)

3. My three older brothers enlisted in the Navy.
I want to also. (SO)

4. Johnny's green Camaro looks nice,
I like my Riviera better. (BUT)

5. Put that money back where you found it.
You'll find my knuckles in your face. (OR)

6. White vans look common.
I don't want to have one. (SO)

7. White vans are common.
I'll drive one if I have to. (BUT)

8. Books can be OK.
I'd rather go fishing. (BUT)

9. My friend Richard and I were looking for girls in Stockdale.
We didn't see much. (BUT)

10. I like blue eyes.
I like your brown ones best. (BUT)

1. I like to stay up late.
I usually have to get to sleep by 10:00.

2. I had to walk four miles to get home.
I have blisters to prove it.

3. My friend Julio smokes a lot of stuff.
I don't think it's cool.

4. Beth is my best friend.
I want to find the perfect present for her birthday.

5. Donald and I went hiking in the Sierras.
It was fantastic.

6. My worst class is Typing.
I'm getting better.

7. My cousin Carmen rarely comes around.
I'm just as happy.

8. My friend Dan has a black Jeep.
I'm not as picky.

9. I don't have a stereo.
I can't play any records.

10. Get out of my room.
I'll tell Mom where the cigarettes went.

1. Robert treated everyone to a Coke.
Robert found the \$10 bill. (AFTER)
2. Martha loves to wash dishes.
I have to dry them. (SO)
3. I'll listen to your complaint.
Everybody will stay quiet. (IF)
Everything will be better. (AND)
4. I went to the fair.
Tina was showing a lamb. (BECAUSE)
I never found her. (BUT)
5. A man used his toes to call the police.
Robbers tied up a man with electric cord. (WHEN)
6. I had to get a ride to school.
I missed the GET bus. (SINCE)
I didn't want to be late. (AND)
7. Tell me where you were all night.
You can't go out this weekend. (EITHER ... OR)
8. I ran over to help.
I saw the wreck. (WHEN)
Nobody was hurt. (BUT)
I left. (SO)
9. I'm pleased SOMEHOW.
You finished your assignment. (THAT)
Look it over carefully. (BUT)
You hand it in. (BEFORE)

1. Peter went to see Toni.
She wasn't home.

2. I just fed my rabbit.
I know he's not hungry.

3. We had to crack the walnuts.
We gathered a huge sack of walnuts.
We were busy all day.

4. We went to Pizza Hut.
We watched the movie.
We ate a giant size pizza with mushrooms and olives.

5. I had to go to the library.
My book was overdue.

6. Tod's Honda 450 cycle looks almost new.
I know it's eight years old.

7. I can't go to the movie tonight.
I have to watch my baby sister.
I could go tomorrow.

8. Cal State Bakersfield will hire office workers at \$1200 a month.
They only want three years' experience.
I'm applying for the job.

Sentence combining #47A

Participial phrases

1. I saw the window.
The window was broken.

2. The man is the gravedigger.
He is carrying the shovel.

3. We paced ourselves.
We were running down the hill.

4. I shouted to my friends.
My friends were shocked.
I was wondering what to do.

5. The cop waited for his partner.
He waited for his trusted partner.
The cop was tapping his feet.

6. I couldn't eat any more.
Having eaten three ears of corn, I couldn't do any more.

7. The officer called for an ambulance.
Having shot the suspect, the cop did that.

8. We called the Bakersfield Californian.
We were disturbed by the rumors.
We were hoping they were false.

9. The kitten dove in playfully.
The kitten was playing with a paper bag.
The bag was torn.

10. The record stuck.
It was scratched. It was making a terrible noise.

Sentence combining #48A

Participial phrases

1. The boy laughed all the way to the bottom.
 He was rolling down the hill.

2. The teacher didn't see the fight.
 He was walking our way.
 The fight was going on behind us.

3. We itched for three days.
 We were almost eaten up by mosquitoes,

4. Henry hated him even more.
 He was staring at his brother.
 His brother was honored.

5. Tom wished he didn't have to face his parents.
 He was thinking about his grade check.
 His parents were disappointed.

6. The red Mustang shot out of the lot.
 The Mustang was burning rubber.
 The lot was a parking lot.

7. Arthur was furious.
 He was shouting at the thief.
 The thief was running away.

8. Fat Albert hated to learn how much he weighed.
 He was staring at the scale.
 The scale was broken.

1. SOMETHING is against the law.
It is spitting in public.
2. SOMETHING is not easy.
It is writing.
3. My friend Lisa and I like SOMETHING.
We like bikeriding.
4. Almost everyone likes SOMETHING.
It is eating pizza.
5. Everybody thinks about SOMETHING.
It is dying.
6. SOMETHING beats SOMETHING ELSE.
Smiling beats SOMETHING.
The other is frowning.
7. SOMETHING can be very helpful.
It is listening to your teacher.
8. SOMETHING some times is really tough.
It is loving your neighbor.
9. SOMETHING is my favorite exercise.
It is jogging.
10. My next favorite exercise is SOMETHING.
It is swimming.

Sentence combining #50A

Gerund phrases

1. SOMETHING is about all I do on the weekends.
It is dancing.
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2. SOMETHING is hazardous to your health.
It is smoking.
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3. ONE THING is ANOTHER THING.
One is seeing.
The other is believing.
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4. SOMETHING can be problem.
It is having six brothers.
It is a problem when they're all older than you are.
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5. My worst chore is SOMETHING.
It is cleaning up after three dogs.
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6. SOMETHING is a pain.
It is buying tight shoes.
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7. SOMETHING is a real problem.
It is owing money.
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8. Banks make money by SOMETHING.
It is lending it.
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9. ONE THING doesn't mix with ANOTHER THING.
One is drinking.
The other is driving.
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10. I enjoy ONE THING and ANOTHER THING.
One is washing my '57 DeSoto.
Another is waxing it.

1. Marie and Emma like SOMETHING.
They like to dance.
2. I hate SOMETHING, but would you move your car?
It is to bother you.
3. SOMETHING is something else.
It is to drive up the canyon.
4. A lot of my friends want SOMETHING on the weekends
It is to party.
5. The garbage truck forgot SOMETHING.
It was to pick up the box of trash.
6. The lawn needs SOMETHING.
It is to be watered.
7. SOMETHING is the pits.
It is to have to get up before 6 AM.
8. We all love SOMETHING.
It is to work on sentence drill.
9. Sophomores always try SOMETHING.
It is to be polite to freshmen.
10. Our English teacher forces us SOMEHOW.
It is to write all the time.

Sentence combining #52A

Infinitive phrases

1. Everybody wants SOMETHING.
It is to go swimming.
2. After a rainstorm, I always try SOMETHING.
It is to find a rainbow.
3. My friend Randy and I want SOMETHING.
It is to hitchhike to New York and back.
4. Robert and I plan SOMETHING.
It is to shoot doves next summer.
5. I want SOMETHING.
It is to get SOMETHING.
It is to know you better.
6. In baseball, a runner hates SOMETHING.
It is to get caught in a squeeze play.
7. Tommy tried SOMETHING .
It was to impress me with his new Trans Am.
8. SOMETHING sounds OK to me.
It is to try harder.
9. SOMETHING wastes a nice Saturday night.
It is to go disco dancing.
10. The umpire ordered the second baseman SOMEHOW.
He ordered him to hit the showers.

1. Harry is coming to fix the broken pipe.
Harry is the plumber.
2. My cousin came to visit last week.
My cousin is Juan.
3. Tommy's cat is on the roof again.
It is the one with six toes. (, ...,)
4. My favorite show is on tonight.
It is Mork & Mindy. (, ... ,)
5. The book I'm reading is a western by Louis Lamour.
It is Sackett. (, ... ,)
6. Nobody likes my car.
It is a '65 Opel with no paint. (,)
7. My two best friends ran away from home.
They are Terry and Mike. (, ... ,)
8. My sister's boyfriend didn't leave until 2:30 last night.
He is the one with the silver Firebird. (, ... ,)
9. Everybody likes Arthur.
He is the only one around with any money. (,)
10. Susie and Tami went out for cross country.
They are the identical twins. (, ... ,)

1. Martha jabbed a needle in my arm.
She is the nurse.

2. My cousin is a champion barrel rider.
She is Nicki.

3. Seven suspects stood in the lineup.
They were all about the same height and build.

4. I almost forgot Tony.
He is my best friend since sixth grade.

5. My friend and I went to a movie.
He is Henry.
The movie was The Blues Brothers.

6. Roberta called me long distance from Morro Bay.
She is the girl I told you about.

7. The car shot past the parking lot.
It was a fire engine red Stingray.

8. My English teacher roared like an angry bull.
She is a quiet person most of the time.

9. The neighbor's dog bit the mail carrier.
The dog is a Doberman.
The carrier is a woman about 27.

1. Tommy spotted the Honda 160.
It was stolen.

2. The car hit the fire plug.
It was rolling down the hill.

3. SOMETHING is part of my life.
It is talking on the phone.

4. Everybody figures SOMETHING makes you a cowboy.
It is wearing a hat.

5. Marie likes SOMETHING.
It is to cook.

6. My brother wants SOMETHING.
My brother is George.
He wants to become a pilot.

7. My favorite sports car costs about \$50,000.
It is the Ferrari Daytona. (, ... ,)

8. Harriet came to visit.
She is our favorite cousin. (, ... ,)
She was stopping on her way to Phoenix.

1. I hate SOMETHING.
It is to make my bed.

2. The helicopter looked like a huge hummingbird.
It was hanging in the air.

3. The firemen like SOMETHING.
It is collecting toys.
The toys are broken.

4. Martha's sister makes \$10.65 an hour.
She is Martina.
She is the welder.

5. SOMETHING is hard SOMEHOW.
It is seeing your best friend with your girlfriend.
It is hard to take.

6. Teresa paced anxiously.
She was wondering what happened.
She was waiting for her friends.

7. SOMETHING can be a pain.
It is waiting for your friends.

8. A house on my block burned to the ground.
It was the white one with green trim.

1. I like to run.

I like to jump. (,)

I like to swim. (, and)

2. Henry is tall.

He is dark. (,)

He is mean. (, and)

3. I love pizza.

I love chicken. (,)

I love Twinkies. (, and)

4. Fred watched his snake hiss.

He watched it coil. (,)

He watched it strike. (, and)

5. Basketball players have to learn to pivot.

They have to learn to shoot. (,)

They have to learn to jump. (, and)

6. The room seemed small.

It seemed cramped. (,)

It seemed noisy. (,)

It seemed stuffy. (, and)

7. Apples make a nice fruit salad.

Oranges make a nice fruit salad. (,)

Pears make a nice fruit salad. (,)

Bananas make a nice fruit salad. (, and)

8. Marty went for a ride.

Joe went for a ride. (,)

Tom went for a ride. (, and)

1. Wolves live in the mountains.

Coyotes live there.

Rattlesnakes live there.

2. I met Barbara at lunch time.

I met Brenda then.

I met Beth then.

3. Somebody ripped off my stereo.

Somebody ripped off my records.

Somebody ripped off my watch.

4. My friend Robert and I always walk together.

We always talk together.

We always work together.

5. The nurse can inspect wounds.

He can clean them.

He can dress them.

6. The tall man shouted at everyone.

The lean man shouted at everyone.

The angry man shouted at everyone.

7. Men are welcome at the picnic.

Women are welcome there.

Children are welcome there.

8. Everybody wants to read.

Everybody wants to write.

Everybody wants to learn.

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1. Larry looked down the street.
He saw Cindy. (,)
He ran down to meet her. (, and)
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2. Charlotte and I worked on the prom decorations .
We went home. (,)
We got dressed. (,)
We waited for our dates. (, and)
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3. My uncle George lives in Arvin
He works in Taft. (,)
He eats at our house. (, and)
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4. I looked for my wallet under the bed.
I looked for it behind the desk. (,)
I looked for it near the chest. (,)
I looked for it in the drawers . (, and)
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5. Then I found it.
I paid the driver from Pizza Hut. (,)
I scarfed the whole thing. (, and)
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6. Fred from West met me at the UA Theater.
Alex from South met me there. (,)
Henry from Foothill met me there. (, and)
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1. I read quickly.

I walk slowly.

I smile often.

2. My friend Claudia and I have PE and Math together.

We walk to and from school together.

We hang out together.

3. I walked in the garden.

I saw some bluebells.

I picked them.

4. Plumbers have to thread pipe.

They have to fit it.

They have to check the seal.

5. Before the game, I sell hotdogs.

During the game, I sell hotdogs.

At half time I sell hotdogs.

6. The dried leaf fell slowly into the river.

It floated along for a while.

It disappeared into the whirlpool.

1. I pushed Alex.

He pushed me back. (,)

We both fell in the mud. (, and)

2. Veronica drives a truck.

Her sister goes to B.C. (,)

Their mother runs a restaurant. (, while)

3. The air smells fresh.

The fish are biting. (,)

I'm cutting out. (, and)

4. Butch likes Julie.

She likes him. (, and)

Their parents aren't happy about it. (, but)

5. So far today my cat tore up my drapes.

My dog dug a hole in the flower bed. (,)

My sister screamed at me on the phone for 45 minutes. (,)

I locked all my keys in the car. (, and)

6. My friend Janie runs the 440.

I run cross country. (,)

Both of us won medals at the last meet. (, and)

1. My eyes are weeping.

My nose itches.

I can't breathe.

2. Walter is taking Foods 9.

George is taking Crafts.

I'm taking two lunches.

3. The sandwiches looked rubbery.

The salads were brown.

The tacos seemed fresh.

4. Dogs bark.

Cats purr.

Birds tweet.

I wonder about rabbits.

5. I never sweep my room.

Billy never washes windows.

Tom never picks up his dirty clothes.

6. I like chocolate cake.

Marie likes chocolate fudge.

Teresa likes chocolate cream pie.

Albert likes prune whip.

1. I have a ham sandwich for lunch.
I have a banana for lunch. (,)
I have some Ding Dongs for lunch. (, and)
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2. I have to take a pill at 8 AM .
I have to take one at noon . (,)
I have to take one at 4 PM . (, and)
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3. Betsy went to church.
Carla went to church . (,)
Elizabeth went to church . (,)
Rachel went to church . (, and)
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4. Stop screaming in my ear.
Stop shouting at me. (,)
Stop acting like a turkey. (, and)
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5. My cat curls up on a box.
It falls asleep. (,)
It dreams about catching birds. (, and)
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6. Bobby always goes home for lunch.
Ted goes to McDonald's. (,)
Jon eats at Caesar's. (, and)
I bring my lunch. (, but)

1. I have to feed four rabbits.

I have to feed eleven chickens.

I have to feed six pigs.

I have to feed my baby brother.

2. I also have to change his Pampers.

I have to put him to bed.

I have to stay around all day.

3. Monica took turns driving to San Diego.

Lori took turns.

Carmen took turns.

I took turns.

4. Last summer Rick went to Las Vegas.

Paul went to Oregon.

Brad went to Denver.

I stayed home.

5. Jogging six miles helped make me exhausted.

Doing 75 pushups helped.

Swimming twenty laps helped.

6. I can't find my library book.

The car ran out of gas.

Martha wants her \$20 back.

My mother rented my room.

You want to know how I feel.

1. Robert drove to Chicago.

Robert is my cousin. (, ... ,)

Chicago is my favorite city. (,)

2. My friend has a car.

My friend is Henry .

~~The car~~ cost \$9400. (THAT)

3. The jury filed out.

The trial was over. (AFTER)

4. I want to study welding.

I join the Army. (IF)

I was good in Metal Craft. (BECAUSE)

5. I like SOMETHING.

It is to cruise Chester on the weekends.

My friend never comes along. (, but)

He is Albert.

6. I want SOMETHING.

It is to know SOMETHING.

You went out. (WHEN)

7. I like SOMETHING.

It is to play pool.

My friend cheats. (, but)

She is Alicia.

8. SOMETHING is a cat's favorite game.

It is fighting.

9. We screamed.

We were seeing the body on the ground.

We ran out of the park. (,)

We called the police. (, and)

10. Robbie shoots baskets.

Toni plays golf. (,)

I ride horseback. (, and)

11. The teacher called on Jerry.

The teacher was looking around the room. (,)

Jerry never seems to know the answers. (WHO)

12. Money can cost a lot.

Jewels can cost a lot. (,)

Gold can cost a lot. (, and)

I'm glad SOMEHOW. (, so)

I'm not looking for any. (THAT)

13. The person wins the prize.

The person eats the snake. (WHO)

I don't plan SOMETHING. (, but)

It is to try.

14. The person was my grandmother.

The person helped me. (THAT)

~~My grandmother~~ is now 89. (WHO)

My grandmother lives in Lamont. (and)